

Amendment No. 1 to SJR0508

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 508*

by deleting all language after the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise global awareness regarding the effects of specific genetic disorders, March 22, 2014, has been designated as Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Day, an occasion to reach an international audience and raise awareness of the issues surrounding this rare disease; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome is caused by an inherited genetic mutation that prevents a gene, which ordinarily prevents cancer, from functioning properly and therefore allows cancer to spread more quickly in the body; and

WHEREAS, as many as 600,000 to 1,000,000 people are affected by Lynch Syndrome in the United States, with approximately 20,000 of those individuals residing in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, less than five percent of the carriers of the gene are aware of it, putting them at a significantly higher risk of aggressive cancers; and

WHEREAS, children of those with Lynch Syndrome have a fifty percent risk of inheriting the mutated gene; and

WHEREAS, many people are unaware of this disease and, consequently, remain untreated; and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this General Assembly should pause to reflect on the impact this gene mutation inflicts on our society and the ways in which awareness, research, and treatment can improve the health status of those living with the disease; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby proclaim March 22, 2014, to be "Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Day" in Tennessee, and encourage all citizens to learn more about the causes and symptoms of Lynch Syndrome and to support improvements in diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.